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LOK SABHA DEBATES

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(M. R. SPEAKER *in the chair*)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Honourable Members, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the demise of three of our former colleagues, namely, Sarvashri Ram Deo Singh, Ananta Tripathi Sarma and Shrimati Mukul Bannerjee.

Shri Ram Deo Singh served the Lok Sabha continuously for two terms during 1971-79, representing Maharajganj constituency of Bihar. Earlier he had been a member of the Bihar Legislaitve Assembly during 1957-61 and 1967-69.

Shri Singh actively participated in the freedom movement from an early age and suffered imprisonment for several years.

An agriculturist by profession, he took keen interest in the co-operative movement and development of agriculture. He was associated with several Co-operative Banks of the State in various capacities.

An able parliamentarian, he focussed the attention of the House to the problems faced by the farmers.

Shri Ram Deo Singh passed away on 9th July, 1991, at the age of 75.

Shri Ananta Tirpathi Sarma started his parliamentary career by winning a by-election in 1961 (Second Lok Sabha) from Chatrapur constituency of Orissa. Later he was elected to Third and Fourth Lok Sabha during 1962–70 from Chatrapur and Bhanjanagar constituencies of Orissa State. Earlier he had been a member of the Orissa Legislative Assembly during 1946–52.

Shri Sarma was a great scholar, educationist, writer and social reformer.

He dedicated his entire life to the improvement of indigenous system of medicine and vigorously promoted the Ayurvedic system of medicine. As Vice-President of Ganjam District Board, he brought lot of improvements in the field of public health. He was also President of All India Ayurvedic Congress, Delhi during 1956–64.

Shri Sarma was a great advocate of development of Indian languages and took special interest in the promotion of Sanskrit and Oriya.

Shri Sarma was member of several academic institutions of the State of Orissa. He took keen interest in Oriya and Sanskrit literature and made valauble contributions thereto. He was also interested in the promotion of education and was associated with various Universities as a Lecturer and Senior Professor.

A man of letters Shri Sarma had more than 50 works to his credit on subjects like Sanskrit literature and Ayurveda. His works included translation of 220 Upanishads in Oriya and works of Guru Rabindranath Tagore into Sanskrit. He also edited the Sanskrit monthly journal "Manorama" for several years.

His achievements in the fields of Literature and Ayurveda were recognised by Indian and Sri Lankan Governments. He

was awarded 'Ayurved Chakravarty' by the Government of Sri Lanka and 'Rashtrapati Award' for Sanskrit by the Government of India. He was also recipient of several other awards from various Universities and other organisations.

Shri Ananta Tripathi Sarma was associated what a number of cultural organisations. He had himself established several institutions and awards like 'Rohini-Gadadhar Gold Medal' and 'Bishnupriya Memorial Gold Medal'

In his death, the nation has lost a great scholar of Indian languages, a notable exponent of Ayurveda and the House, an able parliamentarian.

He passed away on 11 July, 1991 at the age of 86.

Shrimati Mukul Bannerjee was a member of the Fifth Lok Sabha during 1971—77 representing New Delhi constituency.

Shrimati Bannerjee was a well known social and political worker. She took keen interest in the welfare of weaker section of the society, minorities and slum dwellers.

Shrimati Bannerjee was deeply involved in the various progsammes and activities concerning the welfare of women. She ceasolessly worked to create political and social awareness among the women and represented India at the United Nations Seminar on Women's role in the Economic life of developing countries held at Moscow in 1970.

As a journalist, she was associated with the all India Newspapers Editors Conference. She also edited 'Women on the March' and 'Mahila Pragati Ke Path Par'.

Shrimati Mukul Bannerjee passed away on 24 Jul, 1991 at Patna at the age of 66.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

11.05 hrs.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

HILL AND CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCES TO HANDICAPPED

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*267. SHRI ROSHAN LAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

a) whether hill and conveyance allowances are not being paid to handicapped employees in some branches of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) under Shimla division despite entitlement for the same:

(b) if so the names of such branches: and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure immediate payment of these allowances at the said branches ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Hill and Conveyance Allowances to the blind and orthopaedically handicapped employees of the Life Insurance Corporation including those under Shimla Division are being paid as per the Rules of the Corporation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise since the allowances are paid as per Ruels of the Corporation.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ROSHAN LAL : The reply given by the hon. Minister does not seem to be correct.

[*English*]

Perhaps the Minister is not aware that Hill allowance to the general employees and conveyance allowance to the physically handicapped employees is not